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## University of Central Florida welcomes Bob Dole

By **BRIAN SMITH**  
News Editor

Bob Dole, the former majority leader of the U.S. Senate and Republican presidential nominee, will speak at the UCF Arena at 8 p.m. Wednesday. There will be a brief reception beforehand with selected members of the Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board and university officials.

Dole is in Orlando to attend an American Legion convention and will speak at UCF as a tie-in date.

He is expected to focus his speech on leadership and how

leadership affects UCF as a university.

Dole, a Kappa Sigma alumnus from Kansas University, will be presented with a gift from the UCF chapter. Jack Howard, president of Kappa Sigma, will make the presentation.

Howard said there will be a huge turnout of Kappa Sigma members.

"Everybody that can make it will be there," Howard said.

CAB will pay about \$33,000 for Dole's appearance.

Betsy Penne, the CAB director of speakers, explained how Dole's appearance was funded.

"We're giving a certain bud-

get by the SGA and instead of spending our budget on lots of small name speakers we decided to spend the money on several big name speakers," Penne said. "This year we have a great balance. We got Bob Dole who is way over on the right and then we got Oliver Stone who is way over on the left."

Penne said the speakers committee decision to spend the budget on a few notable speakers who will bring more attention to UCF.

"The CAB Speakers Committee is one of UCF's key instruments in giving something back to the community of

Orlando," Penne said. "We have one of the most diverse lecture series in our history this year. I think it will be a great balance of what our student community wants."

Dr. Terry Fine, advisor for College Democrats, agreed with the speakers committee's decision.

"The college experience is seen as a fun one but when we bring in important speakers it has a lot of positive community impact," Fine said.

Reaction to Dole speaking on campus has been positive.

"Bob Dole is a good example of perseverance," Fine said.

Fine encourages all of the members of College Democrats to attend.

Senior Amy Pounds said, "He knows more than I do and I'm looking forward to learning from him. He's an important guy and it's nice he took time to speak to the students. It'll be neat to meet him."

Carmen McDonald, former president of the College Democrats, said she hopes Dole will address when the GOP will begin to take the interest of the students at hand.

"We want jobs, a place in the world," McDonald said.

## New center to improve writing skills

By **BRIAN SMITH**  
News Editor

Beginning on Sept. 2, students who need help with a writing assignment will be able to get professional advice from the University Writing Center.

The UWC, located in trailer LS-616 across from the business administration building, is a peer review service for all undergraduate students at UCF.

The UWC will provide workshops for writer's block and use of APA format. In addition, it will offer writer support groups and classes and teach students how to document sources. CLAST review workshops are also available.

Research method and grammar review classes are in development.

The center will staff about 40 consultants. The consultants will be mix of undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Beth Young, director of the UWC, said the student benefits more from professional help than having someone untrained look it over.

Students can either make an appointment for a consultation or they can walk in. However, appointments are encouraged. Most consultations last 30 minutes.

Peter Tella, program assistant, encourages students to use the service.

"I don't want the writing center to be thought of as a remedial service," Tella said. "All writers need readers. It'll probably take a couple of weeks before it really catches on."

Reaction to the center has been positive from students and faculty.

"I think the writing center is a very crucial service for students," said Kathryn

Seidel, dean of arts and sciences.

Students can develop critical thinking skills and get help with about anything that deals with writing, she added.

"All of the faculty in the English department are well aware of the UWC," Tella said. He also said it's up to the individual faculty members to use the UWC.

Young, an associate English professor, said her students will use the writing center.

Besides help with their writing, students can use the center for a weekly paycheck. Students interested in working at the UWC as a writing consultant must fill out an application, get a letter of recommendation by a professor, submit a writing sample and have at least a 3.0 grade point average. If hired, there is an 8-hour training session with additional training every month.

Consultants are trained in composition—including rhetorical analysis, writing process research, group teaching and the various styles of writing.

Undergraduate consultants get paid \$6 an hour while graduate consultants get paid \$8 an hour.

On Sept. 9, the UWC will have an open house. University Provost Gary Whitehouse will be present and there will be a writing consultation demonstration. The open house will be between 2 and 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The hours of operation for the UWC are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m.-10 p.m.

Further information on the UWC can be found by visiting their website at <http://reach.ucf.edu/~writing>



Photo by PETER KUNDIS

Jessica Schew, student assistant, and Elise McKenna, secretary for the writing center, review their notes.

## Center offers hope for healing

By **OLIVIA K. CURNOW**  
Managing Editor

In the spring of 1995, eight months after her cousin died, a UCF student walked into the Counseling and Testing Center, seeking help that was long overdue.

"He was killed in July and I had bad dreams and I couldn't sleep," said "Caroline," a 21-year-old senior. "I felt like I had exhausted all my resources and the people I talked to about it. I ended up deciding to go to the counselor because they were someone not involved and so I wouldn't feel like I'm bringing them down."

Caroline nervously made an appoint-

ment and within a week, she was able to easily discuss her cousin's death with a counselor.

"I think it was easy because I knew it was her job and she was getting paid to do it," she said. "In her job, she's not supposed to be passing judgment."

Caroline said her first visit involved a lot of crying and talking about her cousin's death. She said what especially bothered her was that she held him in high esteem and never got to tell him. At the end of the session, the counselor told her to write her cousin a letter, telling him everything she never got a chance to say.

"When I went back two weeks later, I

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# Scholarship program helps students take the lead

By JENNIFER LINDSTROM  
Staff Writer

One program at UCF gives freshmen the chance to take the lead the moment they arrive on campus—LEAD Scholars Program.

In 1995, UCF President Dr. John Hitt, Vice Provost Gary Whitehouse, and the UCF faculty and staff established the LEAD Scholars Program for one specific purpose: to connect talented, first-year students with all the aspects of academic and co-curricular college life. It is the only program of its kind in the Florida State University System.

LEAD joins students together with faculty and staff from vari-

ous departments and involved alumni. They work together on the program's three focal points: leadership, scholarship, and service.

Two hundred eighty students comprised of freshmen and sophomores are in the program.

"The LEAD Scholars program is a great way to get involved in college because you meet so many diverse students, work with faculty and alumni and also get a chance to give a lot to the community," said Alex Comis, a LEAD Scholar alumni and legal studies major.

Dr. Pam Anthrop, director of LEAD, said the selection process is competitive.

"We are looking for students

who are team players, collaborators, involved in various activities, such as band or student government and understand what it takes to make a difference in the world," Anthrop said.

Faculty members look beyond GPAs and test scores when reviewing applications. applications. Diversity is one of the key factors, as well as commitment to attendance, and volunteer interests.

"We don't just want all business majors or all athletes," said Jan Lloyd, LEAD Program Coordinator.

Each semester, LEAD scholars are required to complete a one-credit hour seminar course in addition to the large group semi-

nars. The division of enrollment in academic services, teams with the universities five colleges to provide further enrichment in the program's focal points.

During the second year in LEAD, students participate in a service learning project involving their intended major or in area of interest. They are required to complete 35 hours of service each semester, and write an essay response at the end of the year.

Additionally, LEAD Scholars are eligible for a number of benefits including on-campus housing with other LEAD students, special class scheduling privileges, official notation on student transcripts, technology link with

other students, and graduation recognition.

Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA, satisfactorily complete the foundation of leadership courses and be an active member in the Lead Scholars Association and in student organizations. They also need to accumulate 24 credit hours each year and develop a professional portfolio.

"LEAD Scholars has made me more assertive," said Sunita Modani, a LEAD scholar alumni and physical therapy major. "In the two years I had been a part of LEAD, I learned to prioritize my time and how to work with people who have many different styles of leadership."

## Senate reallocates \$738,000 at recent meeting

By JOHN TURNER  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Senate voted to reallocate the \$738,000 which Dr. Hitt recently line-item vetoed from the students annual activity and service fee budget. Thirty-five clubs and organizations will benefit from this reallocation. The total allocation was more than \$230,000.

The number of clubs and organizations added to the budget is

unusual, since in the past there have only been eight to twelve of them ever on the budget.

Other new projects were added to the budget by the Senate that would benefit the students. These projects total over \$400,000 and include a Homecoming Carnival, Creative School roof repairs and subsidies to the various colleges to improve the student lounges and study areas. Included in this reallocation was the increase in

the SGA scholarships by 22 at \$1,000 a piece.

"It was a long and arduous task to put together the budget. It was a sacrifice of every senator's time, but our responsibility to the students come first," said Senator Rick Andrade, chair of the elections and appointments committee.

The reallocated funds will be sent to President Hitt for final approval. According to the Florida Statute 240.235,

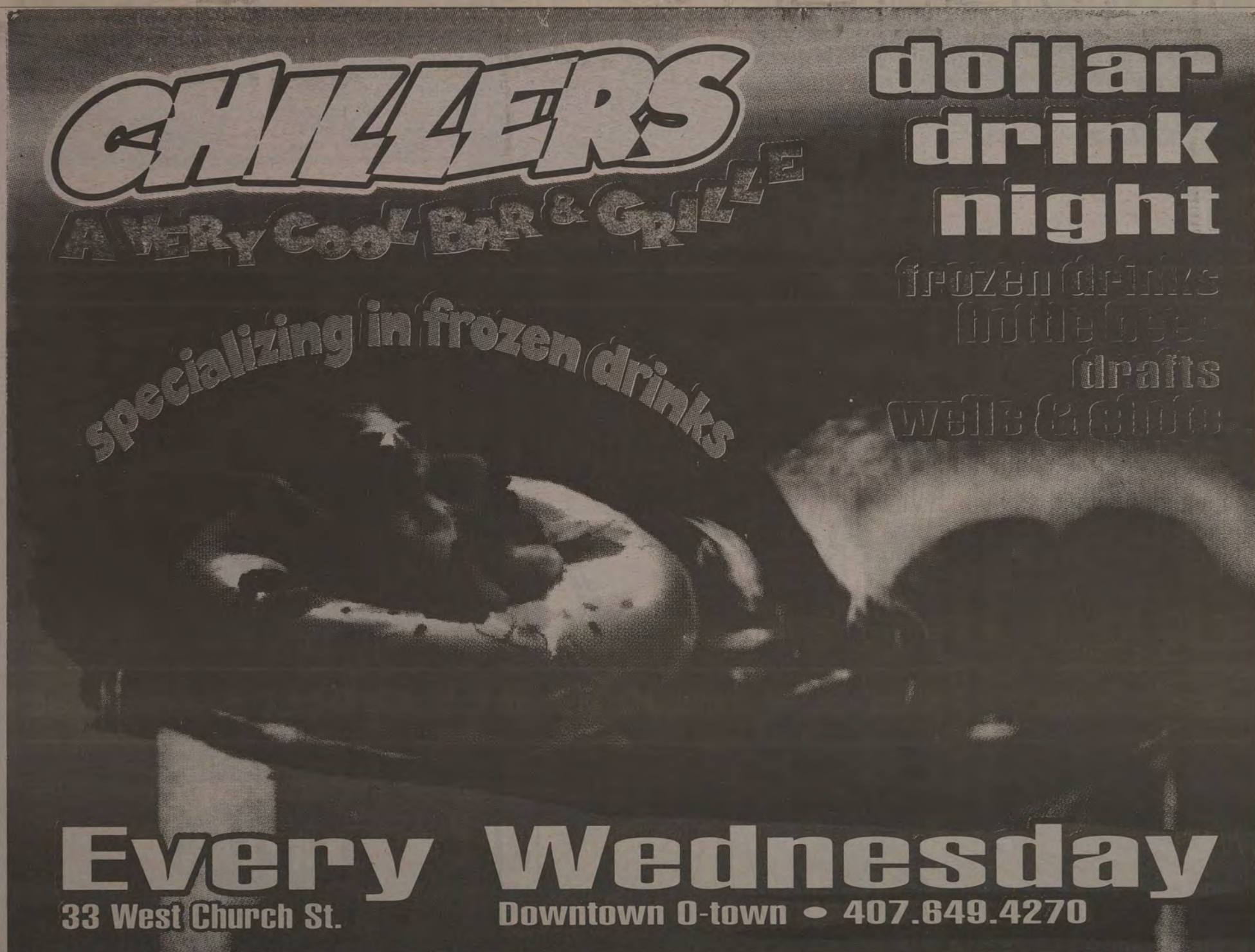
President Hitt can once again line-item veto these reallocations, whereby the funds would then returned to the activity and service fee general account for reallocation in the next fiscal year. The Senate has officially ended the task mandated to them by the above Florida statute and the budget process begins again at the end of the fall semester.

"Having been on the Senate for 3 sessions, this has been the best Senate I have seen to date," said

David Siegel, chair of the organizations appropriations and finance committee.

"The goal was to address student need in both clubs and in general, and we succeeded in that.

"Additionally we emphasized returning benefits to everyday students who are not involved in clubs and organizations who pay for the activities and don't get the benefits."



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# Center offers help to students in need

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brought the letter and felt 100 percent better because I had written all the stuff down, even though no one's ever read it," she said.

About 2,000 students a year visit the Counseling and Testing Center. The majority request individual counseling, according to Dr. Mike Burgan, associate director of the center.

"We're the only office on campus that is designated to do mental health services," Burgan said. "Ours is a psychological and emotional kind of counseling."

Individual sessions last an hour a week and the average is five sessions per person.

"Sometimes we can deal with the problem in one session and

sometimes it takes longer," he said. "The issues that we deal with range all the way from homesickness to serious long-term depression."

Their largest areas are stress management, depression, anxiety disorders and relationships.

Group counseling is also available. There are five groups planned for the fall semester: eating disorders group, dealing with both anorexia and bulimia; stress management group; general psychotherapy group, which will promote personal growth; performance enhancement for athletes group, aiming to reduce anxiety and utilize relaxation techniques and visual imagery; and human potential group, designed for graduate students to help them get the most out of their education.

"If we have enough interest in

any other area, we'll get a group together for that," Burgan said.

Besides individual and group counseling, the center also assists students in choosing a major or career by administering interest, personality and aptitude tests. These tests, along with the counseling, are free to students. However, standardized tests such as the ACT or the CLAST require a fee.

Burgan said the location in the Student Center will attract more students and hopefully encourage them to seek the help they need, like Caroline did two years ago.

"All of us here in our degree programs are trained to be good listeners, to be receptive, to be helping professionals," Burgan said. "It's good to hear that that's how we are perceived."

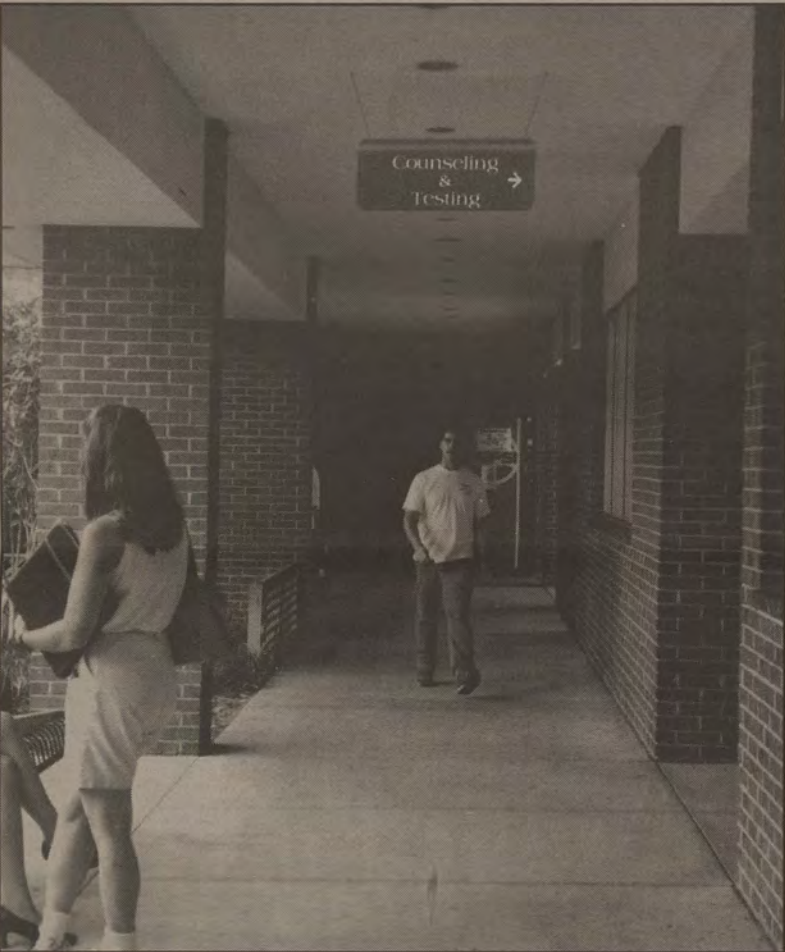


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# Opinion

## The future is so bright ... I gotta wear shades

By JASON HEIRONIMUS  
Opinion Editor

Can you smell that? It is a stench unfamiliar to UCF expatriates. It is a stench unfamiliar to UCF undergraduates. It is a stench that lingers on our campus. Can you put a finger on it? (Do you have to let it linger- sorry) I think that I finally have after minutes and minutes of hard-core thought.

What I refer to is not a stench at all. In fact it is an aroma which has taken entirely too long to find its resting place on UCF grounds. Those of us that have been at UCF for more than a few days can feel it. It is a strange feeling. Is this a good or a bad thing? It is hard to be excited for a future that holds so many questions yet so much promise.

It seems that UCF has about 50,000 new freshmen. I know, and other students can back me on this one, that campus was not this crowded last year. When walking to and from class one gets a herded cattle feel. I'm just waiting to be branded with that good old pegasus thing on my butt. But this is a good thing. More students mean more money and more money means more new things like the union.

Just remind yourself the next time you bump into that confused freshman, you know the one, that little Jimmy's parents are spending some serious money for him to take classes and contribute to the UCF community, or, in other words, dump more money into our student activities fund.

Okay, it has got to be mentioned, but this is the last time. Parking, in addition to the increase in freshmen, has dramatically decreased. Perspiring students have issued edicts to me, drenched in sweat, "Jason, PLEASE do something about the parking. For the love of God, somebody do something ABOUT THE PARKING! It's driving me insane! I can only listen to Russ, Bo, and Dirty Jim so many times while trying to park the Beamer." In reply I usually say, "Uhhh, sorry about your luck." Then I walk on by and that beautiful structure of parking perfection comes into plain view. Soon, though not soon enough since it is not open now, the new parking garage is going to open. Our parking troubles will be remedied for the time being. Look to the garage I say, look to the garage.

Has anyone failed to notice who our beloved Knights, UCF Knights that is, are

playing this year?! Hello! Has anyone heard of a little school called NEBRASKA which has basically owned college football since, well, since it was invented. And did anyone know that they are ranked 72 in Sports Illustrated's top 100! AND, did anyone know that we have one of the top three rated quarterbacks in the nation, yes, our nation. Though we may actually win very few of these games the point is that UCF football has hit the big time. We should be excited for this upcoming season. This season is only a small indication of the great things that are to come from our football team. GO KNIGHTS!

Perhaps the most exciting thing about this year is homecoming. Supposedly our school has gotten a little band that no one has ever heard of called BLUES TRAVELER! I don't know how they coaxed Blues Traveler into playing for the UCF homecoming and I'm not sure that I want to know. Once again, the point is that our school is bringing in one of the hottest bands in the country, yes, our country, to play at our school, for FREE! Somebody deserves a huge pat on the back for that stunt. I, personally, would like to send out a huge debt of appreciation for bringing Blues Traveler here and would like to

offer my services to you of no charge, whatever those services may be.

We are in the wee moments of the semester. Everything is hectic. There just seems to be too many things going on at the same time. How does the man expect us to get all these preliminary chores done with all the drinking that we are forced to cram into only a couple of days. Problems with our school are just another thing to annoys us. But we must stay strong, for we are the young, and what doesn't kill us only makes us... Sorry, just got a little Ben Hur/ Pat Benatar in me. We are forced at this point in the semester to see the other side of the story. Look at the black instead of the white, the tails instead of the heads, the good instead of the bad. Beyond this clutter we call our school is another school waiting to rise up.

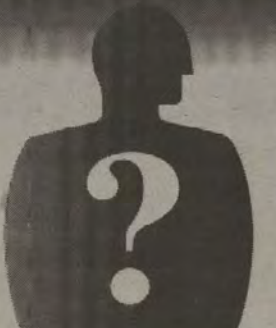
Look with me, if you will, into the future. I see a completely blue reflection pond. I see a computer center in every building with workers that are willing and happy to help you. I see a food court that has 20 restaurants instead of two. I see students riding on skateboards that hover just above the ground. I see a building for each college. I see the Knights in the Sugar Bowl. I see a better UCF.

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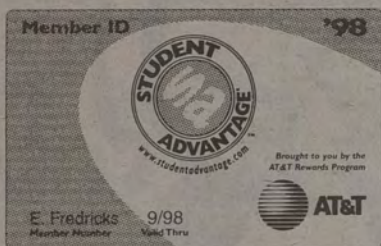
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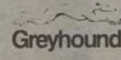
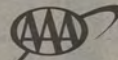


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## College students vulnerable to net addiction, say psychologists

By Colleen De Baise  
College Press Service

CHICAGO — Diane Kerwin, a University of Chicago sophomore, used to spend 40 hours a week on the Internet, surfing or "chatting" with friends.

But the Net began to interfere with her normal life, so now, she says, she's cut back. To 35 hours.

"My boyfriend dumped me because I spent too much time online, but he was a loser anyway," Kerwin, 22, said. "It hurt a lot, so I cut down."

Kerwin admits that she is not like other college students who dial up the Net to research a paper, check football scores or read a horoscope. Like an increasing number of computer users, she spends hours prowling the Internet and compulsively checking her electronic mail.

"It's like an addiction for me, like booze or drugs for other people," she said.

In fact, the obsession some college students have for the Net can spark mood swings, tear apart personal lives and disrupt studies, similar to drug and alcohol abuse, according to psychol-

ogists.

In a study of 277 college students, three out of four said their use of the Internet upset various activities of daily life. As a group, college students—who at many campuses have free access to the Net—are considered to be at high risk for Internet abuse, according to Janet Morahan-Martin, a Bryant College psychology professor who conducted the study.

Students were considered "pathological addictive" if they admitted to four or more symptoms indicating abuse. "Compared to others, pathological users scored significantly higher (on a loneliness scale), were more likely to go online to relax, talk to others with similar interests, meet new people and for support," she said.

She also found that many Net addicts report that it's easier to open up and meet people online. Edwin Colon, 21, a University of Chicago junior, admits that's why he enjoys chatting on the Net. He spends about 40 hours a week online.

"I express myself better online," he said. "I feel like the constraints of the keys allows me

more freedom."

Also, "I can talk to my friends in my underwear, and not be embarrassed," he said.

But too much time spent on the Net can hurt attention to studies. Kimberly S. Young, a University of Pittsburgh psychologist, says some college students spend so much time on the Internet that they flunk out of college.

Such obsessive behavior should be viewed by the mental health community as seriously as alcohol or drug use, says Young, who conducted a three-year study on Net addiction.

Obsessive Internet users, or "dependents," stay online for hours each day and often create new personalities for themselves in chat rooms, she said. Over the course of her study, she identified 396 "dependents" and found that 42 percent were unemployed college students or homemakers. The "dependents" said they enjoy fantasy games similar to Dungeons and Dragons, where they can interact with people like themselves. They spend an average of 38 hours online each week, compared to eight hours a week reported by avid, but not addicted, computer users.

"When asked about the main attractions of using these direct dialogue features," said Young, "86 percent of dependents reported anonymity, 63 percent accessibility, 58 security, and 37 percent ease of use."

Other users report that they like to "transform" and take on a new identity when they're in a chat room. Bonnie Mathis, a University of Chicago sophomore, says she creates a new personality for herself about once a week.

"It allows me to experiment and change myself," she said. "It can go scary, with all the stories you hear, but nothing can go wrong if you are smart."

A number of well-publicized cases have spelled out all too clearly what can go wrong.

Earlier this year, a Barnard College student accused her cybersex pen pal of sodomy and torture. The alleged 20-hour ordeal happened when they finally met face-to-face, after weeks of exchanging messages over the Internet.

The man, Oliver Jovanovic, a Columbia University doctoral candidate, has been charged with kidnapping, assault and sexual

abuse.

The woman is now suing to keep her e-mail correspondences—in which they discussed sadomasochistic experiences—from being entered into court.

"My e-mail discussions are private...adventures in which I push myself to think...to work out troubling philosophical problems," she wrote in an affidavit. "To have something that personal just handed over to the man that raped me...is like ripping something out of my soul."

In her study, Young found that for many users, chat room relationships answer "a deep and compelling need in people whose real lives are interpersonally impoverished."

The psychologist found her research subjects by sending a query out on the Internet. "Dependents" met certain criteria, including: a preoccupation with the Internet; inability to control use; and restlessness, irritability or other withdrawal symptoms when trying to cut back use.

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# Students are loco for LOCOS in the Student Union

By MELINDA SCHUBACH  
Staff Writer

The tunes of Jimmy Buffet and the smell of food drift into the Student Union, inviting students and faculty to sit and relax and look at pictures from UCF football games, various events and other student activities. A mural of downtown Orlando will soon decorate the wall with the motto 'Welcome to downtown UCF.'

Where are you? LOCOS.

LOCOS is owned and operated by Dean Monaco and Scott Kaylor, UCF alumni. Monaco received an accounting degree and Kaylor a degree in hospitality management. Together they worked on this project for three years.

"This has been something we always wanted to do," Monaco said. "I tell the students that this is their place."

Printed on LOCOS menu is the promise that they have 'Quality food at college prices.' The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to midnight and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu has anecdotes the restaurant's owners made up during their college days, such as the appetizer Platypus Droppings and in 1999, the Knights Special will be Gator Tail.

"We're going to get a siren. As



Photos by PETER KUNDIS

LOCOS attracted customers the first week of the fall semester, above. Scott Kaylor and Dean Monaco, right, are UCF alumni who own LOCOS.



soon as someone walks in with FSU or Gators apparel we're going to turn it on and all do something crazy, because we don't want it in here," said Monaco.

Before and after games LOCOS will be having a pre- and post-game party offering drink specials for anyone dressed in black and gold.

Next to LOCOS is Campus Cove, a billiards and entertainment center. In between classes

students can relax and play a few games with friends.

"The pool tables are too expensive," said junior Jennifer Metzler. "They need to make them cheaper because we played for an hour and it costs us about ten dollars. It's fun but it's pricey."

For students who can buy a beer on campus, LOCOS offers a variety of domestic and imported beers.

"I like the fact that you can

actually get a beer on campus and not have to go across the street to Applebee's," said student Dave Morris.

"They also have pretty waitresses."

Students feel LOCOS tries to meet their needs.

"The wings over there rock and they are also very accommodating," said sophomore Crystal Gamber.

For a student or faculty member wishing to avoid long lines

there is a take-out window outside of LOCOS on the patio.

"We have combo meals and you can go up to the window if you only have a couple of minutes and eat on the patio," said Monaco.

For students on the meal plan, LOCOS may soon be available.

"We're trying to work with Marriott to get a meal plan right now because I've been getting a lot of response from students," said Monaco.

## New lab to alleviate overcrowding

By ERICA TYLER  
Staff Writer

The Student Government computer lab opened on August 21 and is designed to alleviate the overcrowded computer labs on campus.

Located on the second floor of the Student Union in room 209, this high-tech and customer oriented lab features various changes from the old lab to better serve students.

Doug O'Brien, the SG computer lab manager, said he wanted to create a computer lab to accommodate the students' needs.

The first UCF computer lab opened in 1989 by O'Brien. When construction began on the Student Union, he had the idea of moving the MAC lab from the Computer Center. He said he listened to what the students had to say and came up with the layout for the new lab.

Takeya Southerlan, a senior psychology major and an assistant in the lab, said she feels it is convenient to have the lab in the Student Union so a student does not have to wait in line to access e-mail. Southerlan also said the most common question she hears is, "How do I log onto e-mail?"

The lab features more space by offering 39 workstations. The old lab had about 17

Macintosh computers. Twelve of these were either bought or upgraded.

Along with the Macintosh computers, there are 27 PCs, three typewriters, a Zip drive in every computer, color scanning, color printing, and Internet and Pegasus access.

The center row of workstations features computers to be used for e-mail only and are restricted from Netscape. O'Brien said this is for students who have work to do are not hindered from those just surfing the internet.

Chris Melbourne, a junior physical therapy major and a lab assistant, said, "It's nice to have an option for people who prefer a MAC to an IBM."

Wednesday, Sept. 3, will be the grand opening of the lab. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m., prizes such as t-shirts, pens, and Busch Garden tickets will be given out. Demonstrations will be part of the celebration. The current lab hours are: Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.-midnight, Fri 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 12-7 p.m., Sun 2 p.m.-midnight.

Future additions include Office '97 for the Macintosh computers and software compatibility for every computer. O'Brien said he believes the lab came out well.

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# Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE WEIRD

## LEAD STORIES

• It took 26 years, but in June, former inmate Frank Smith, 64, became the first person to win damages based on the deadly riot at Attica prison in New York in 1971. A jury awarded him \$4 million based on injuries from his torture by guards after they recaptured the prison from the inmates. There are 1,280 other Attica-related claims against the prison pending, totaling \$2.8 billion.

• In May, the Minnesota Court of Appeals reversed a \$1 million award by a jury that had found parishioner Dale Scheffler, 30, to have been molested at age 14 by Catholic priest Robert Kapoun, finding that Scheffler's lawsuit was barred by the statute of limitations. Two weeks later, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis announced that it had filed with the court a claim of \$4,937 against Scheffler to recover part of its legal expenses since the archdiocese is now regarded as the winning party. Father Kapoun filed for \$1,081.

• The Meadowdale High School (Dayton, Ohio) girls 1,600-meter relay team was disqualified in the semifinals of the state championship meet in

June because it violated the rule that requires matching colors when two or more members of a relay team decide to wear apparel that can be seen under their uniforms. Two Meadowdale runners were wearing white sports bras, and two were wearing black ones.

## THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

• In May, the Convent nightclub opened on Armitage Street in Chicago, a traditional dance club but themed after the Catholic Church. The non-Catholic owners, sisters Surita and Shar Mansukhani, feature restrooms labeled Hymns and Hers, house drinks called "Holy Water" and "Confessionals," waitresses in typical Catholic schoolgirl outfits (plaid skirt, white blouse, knee-high stockings), and bartenders in priests' collars. The VIP rooms are Heaven (upstairs) and Hell (lower level). Said Surita, "We're certainly not intending to be sacrilegious in any way."

• Bangkok's largest English-language newspaper, The Nation, reported in February on a raging war by coffin sellers in the southern Thailand city of Nakhon Si Thammarat. Eight

shops are located across the street from the city's largest hospital, and bribes of hospital personnel for clients are common. A television station reported that one shop's agent sneaked into several hospital rooms to disconnect oxygen to terminal patients whose relatives were already known to the shop and thus might have given that shop their business.

• In a May San Jose Mercury News story, local death-scene cleanup professional Neal Smither recalled his most trying cases: (1) the April 1997 case of an 82-year-old hermit whose house contained 16 dead chickens, 2,000 dead rats, two inches of rat feces in all kitchen cabinets, and a bathtub and toilet filled and rock-hard with human feces and (2) the September 1996 case of a man dead for a week in his unventilated apartment and whose body had essentially oozed into the sofa.

• An April issue of New Scientist magazine reported that Australia's national research organization CSIRO has already made three sales of its "phalloblaster" device (at about \$3,500 (U.S.) that inflates the genitalia of dead insects to make it easier to classify them. Its official name is the "vesica everter," and it will work on genitalia as small as those of moths with wingspans of 2 mil-

limeters.

• An April Wall Street Journal story reported on the work of Japanese engineer Dr. Hiroshi Kanamori, who has been pulverizing simulated moon rocks for the last two years in order to develop cement that would be used for building condominiums on the moon (with golf courses, naturally). Several Japanese construction companies have spent \$40 million on moon-based projects.

## FAMILY VALUES

• Parents of the Year: In May, a 7-year-old girl was murdered in a restroom stall at a Primm, Nev., casino at 4 a.m. while her father, Leroy Iverson, gambled; security guards had already asked him twice to take custody of the girl, who had been roaming the casino for hours. And in June, authorities in Cincinnati removed three toddlers from the feces-strewn bedroom they were locked into for up to 12 hours a day; their mother, Sandra Hacker, allegedly did not want them disturbing her while she was on the Internet. And in Chicago in May, Dianna Meeks, 25, was charged with manslaughter for ignoring a doctor's order to take her 2-month-old, severely malnourished son straight to a hospital; instead, Meeks went shopping and then had a manicure at the Sunny Nails shop, where the boy died.

• Charles S. Wooton, 27, was arrested in May and accused of putting out a contract to have his mother killed for insurance money on Mother's Day as she left work in the cafeteria at a hospital in Hazard, Ky. (The place was important because Wooton reportedly wanted also to be able to sue the hospital for lack of security.) Said Det. Dan Smoot, in Wooton's defense, "I'm not convinced he knew it was Mother's Day."

• Manalapan, N.J., kindergarten teacher Lawrence Cohen, 31, was arrested in April and charged with making Internet arrangements to meet an 11-year-old boy for sex (which turned out to be a police sting). At a hearing in Newark, he was ordered back to jail pending trial, and upon being led away spotted his parents in the courtroom, whereupon he lashed out at them in a tirade for declining to put up their home

as bail. "How could you!" he reportedly shrieked at them.

• At a child-custody hearing in May in Calgary, Alberta, mother Caroline Johnson-Steeves said her relationship with father Dr. King Tak Lee of Toronto was clearly defined by contract: He would provide the sperm and \$300 per month in support, but she would be the sole parent, though he could drop by to see the child if he were ever in Calgary. Johnson-Steeves said Dr. Lee had recently begun to give orders on such things as immunizations for the child, how to wash dishes, and how to dispose of grass clippings in the yard. A judge granted Dr. Lee limited access to the child, based on his financial support.

## INEXPLICABLE

• Elementary school principal Lyla Ann Wolfenbarger, 46, was charged with misdemeanor trespass in Pocatello, Idaho, in February based on photographs Richard Clothier took in an effort to find out who had been running onto his property since September 1996 on Sundays and defecating, even once taunting him as she ran by. Clothier said he was "floored" to learn of the woman's occupation and says he had never met her. Wolfenbarger pleaded not guilty.

• Toronto's Globe and Mail newspaper reported in May that Britain's world-renowned, government-owned broadcaster BBC will spend about \$8.6 million in public money for a new logo, in which its letters will stand up straight instead of at their present 17-degree tilt.

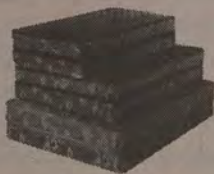
• According to USA Today in May, a bill pending in the Texas legislature would allow anyone with a record of mental illness nonetheless to obtain a concealed weapon permit if approved by a doctor.

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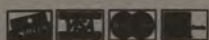
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# UCF student goes Cosmo over summer Cosmopolitan

By **JAMES COMBS**  
 Staff Writer

Cheerleading skills, big muscles and an outgoing personality have paid off for Danny Luna.

Luna, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, was featured in the summer issue of "Cosmopolitan." He was one of six male cheerleaders selected from across the U.S.

Luna works as an instructor for a cheerleading company called Universal Cheerleaders Association. His company travels around the country, competing in international competitions.

Luna, 21, said Cosmopolitan randomly asked cheerleaders from around the country if they wanted to be in the feature. However, the final choice included Luna and five of his UCA partners. The five others selected were from Memphis, Panama City, Tampa, Chicago, and Schertz, Texas.

Luna, a Spanish and finance major, said he was proud to be chosen.

"I felt like all my hard work and dedication to cheerleading has paid off," he said. "It was cool to see my pictures in the magazine."

The photos were taken at Walt Disney World. There are six pictures of Luna in the magazine. The magazine features photos of him flexing his muscles and posing with other cheerleaders on the beach.

"I think it was great he was in the magazine and the pictures of him were great," said fraternity brother Shawn Findlan. "He represented our fraternity to the fullest."

Along with Luna's picture is a caption describing him as "a free spirit who will try anything" and an "open-minded, sociable guy who likes just about everybody."

Also in the caption was a quote from Luna about what type of

woman he finds attractive. He wants "a woman who is up front and personal — utterly without guile. Game players need not apply."

Cosmopolitan printed the addresses of each selected cheerleader. Luna said he has had a lot of responses.

"I've had a lot of letters from girls who leave me their phone numbers and want me to call them or write them back," he said.

Luna said he even got a personal invitation from a female who invited him to a party in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"I never made it though," he said.

Luna's fraternity brothers have teased him about being in the magazine. They refer to him now as "Mr. Cosmopolitan."

"It's pretty cool Danny was in it because it gives our fraternity a lot of recognition," said Brent Steele.

"I wish I was in it."

## Women cadets submit to VMI's Rat Line

By **Colleen De Baise**  
 College Press Service

LEXINGTON, Va. — Thirty young women entered the "Rat Line" at the Virginia Military Institute Aug. 18, officially beginning a new era of co-education for the 158-year-old military college.

By the end of the first 24 hours, one freshman cadet had dropped out before getting the required buzzcut; another took a break during morning calisthenics. But neither were women.

In fact, the college's first-ever female cadets appeared to keep up with 430 male classmates during the morning military drills, which consisted of an hour's worth of push-ups, sit-ups and other exercises along with a mile-and-a-half run in formation.

During the exercises, a male

cadet was forced to sit out for a few minutes before rejoining his company. A day earlier, an unidentified male freshman dropped out before the traditional head shaving.

VMI spent six years and millions of dollars in legal fees to prevent co-education, until a Supreme Court ruling last summer forced the state-supported school to open its doors to women. Still, VMI has refused to relax its rigorous physical training for women, as other military colleges have done.

The only concession the college made was to the buzzcut. The men's heads are closely shaved on the sides with a half-inch left on top, while the women's hair is trimmed to three-eighths of an inch on the sides and an inch on top.

VMI officials said they hope to avoid some of the troubles

that have beset the Citadel, which dropped its all-male policy last summer. After the fall semester last year, two of its first female cadets transferred to the University of South Carolina, saying they were hazed and sexually harassed by male cadets.

VMI has hired a female counselor and a female physical education instructor to ease transition to co-education.

"All eyes are on VMI," senior class president Kevin Trujillo told an assembly. "Some are just salivating at the thought of our failure. All it will take is the mistake of one person."

Among VMI's freshmen women are distance runner Rachel Love and discus thrower Kelly Sullivan, who are the college's first female scholarship athletes.

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## Sinatra subject of academic conference

By College Press Service

NEW YORK — Some colleges hold somber colloquiums on James Joyce. Others host scholarly lecture series on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

And then there's Hostra University, which has invited about 50,000 people to a three-day conference next year on the life, music and legend of "Old Blue Eyes."

That's right, it's a conference on Frank Sinatra, baby.

"We felt that with the 20th Century coming to an end, we wanted to look back and say, 'who...has persisted in influencing popular culture,'" explains Eric Schmertz, a Hostra law professor and conference organizer. "Frank Sinatra was, I guess, the first person to come to mind." The event, planned for November 1998, is expected to be two-thirds academic and one-third glitz, with historians, political scientists, sociologists, biographers, and a number of entertainers invited to attend.

Schmertz says the 81-year-old singer is not expected to attend, although several members of his family plan to be present. The event would feature panels, forums and other discussions on Sinatra's 60-year career.

"We thought he'd be the kind of subject a major university should give some attention to on an academic and scholarly basis," Schmertz says.

The law professor also has directed conferences on Ronald Reagan, Dwight Eisenhower and Babe Ruth.

### Retro Fashions More Costly

Marcia! Marcia! Marcia! How

much are those flared polyester pants?

A lot pricier than they were back in the 1970s, when bell bottoms, wide belts and flower-power fabrics were the rage on television shows like *The Brady Bunch*, says University of Minnesota economist Wilbur Maki.

With students arriving back on campus sporting retro fashions, Maki decided to compare price tags from 1977 and 1997 to see how much of a difference 20 years will make at the cash register.

What he found is that women will pay a lot more for fashion today than they would in 1977. For instance, a pair of platform shoes selling for \$20 in 1977 would cost \$32 today. And while men's apparel is up 64 percent from 1977, women's apparel is up a whopping 84 percent.

That's because retailers have caught on to the fact that more women are in the work force and control their own money now—and are willing to dole out more cash for clothes, Maki says.

Back in the '70s, women's apparel was largely overlooked by designers, he says.

But it's a different story today. For those designers who are cashing in on the '70s look two decades after *The Brady Bunch*, "there's a lot of money there," he says.

### GRE Scores May Not Be Success Predictor

ITHACA, N.Y. — The Graduate Record Exam is a poor predictor of graduate school success, a new study says.

While most applicants are

required to submit GRE scores, the test does little to forecast who will do well in graduate programs for psychology and possibly other fields as well, according to researchers from Cornell and Yale universities.

Of the three sections of the GRE (verbal, quantitative and analytical), only the analytical section predicted any aspect of graduate success beyond the first year, and that was only for men, the researchers found.

"Graduate programs rely so heavily on GREs to make their initial cuts, many well-qualified applicants who are strong in the appropriate areas aren't even being considered," said Wendy M. Williams, a Cornell professor who conducted the study with Yale professor Robert J. Sternberg.

The professors also studied the GRE advanced test in psychology and found that the specialized exam failed to identify abilities needed for success in the psychology profession.

"We know from other researchers' work that the GREs also have failed to predict success in the field of physics, and we suspect that the GREs will fail to prove predictive for the humanities as well," Williams said.

As part of the study, the researchers asked 40 psychology professors at Yale to rank 166 graduate students they had taught from 1980 through 1991. The researchers found little to connect GRE scores with grade-point averages and evaluations of student performance. Only the analytical section predicted some success, but that held true for men, only, the researchers found.

Women's performance in graduate school could be affected by

fears of incompetence or role expectations, researchers noted. "Instead of relying so heavily on the GREs—and many applicants aren't even considered if their GRE scores are not in the top group—we need to develop and use tests that measure meaningful performances in specific areas," Williams said.

The GREs were developed by the Educational Testing Services. The general test is designed to measure a student's verbal, quantitative and analytical skills developed over a long period of time; the subject test measures achievement in a particular discipline, according to ETS.

The study, published in the June issue of *American Psychologist*, was funded in part by the U.S. Department of Education.

### Prof Studies What Prompts Smiles

BOSTON — What is it about a toothy grin that can inspire trust, friendship and appreciation?

Humans just like smiles, according to Boston College psychology professor Marianne LaFrance.

"Our need for smiles is deep-rooted and ongoing," explains LaFrance, who researches smiles. "We continually look for signs that things are okay."

LaFrance recently analyzed results from a nationwide survey of 1,000 adults on smiles, sponsored by Pepperidge Farms. What puts a smile on your face depends on a number of factors, such as whether you're a man or a woman, and even where you live, she found.

For instance, when asked which television celebrities make them smile most, the majority of men chose David Letterman and Jay Leno; most women picked Rosie O'Donnell and Oprah Winfrey.

"This gender gap comes from the fact that the people who make you smile are those with whom you identify most closely," LaFrance said. "Thus, women make women smile, and men make men smile."

That also accounts for Rosie O'Donnell's appeal among both genders, "because she comes across as down-to-earth and a lot like the rest of us, as compared to Martha Stewart, for instance, who intimidates a lot of people," LaFrance said.

When asked what they had done to make others smile, women reported smiling first or giving a hug, while men said they were more likely to tell a funny story. "Women use non-verbal ways to relate to others, while men use verbal ways," she said.

Geography also plays an important factor on one's grin-ability. "Southerners smile more often than Northerners; they value smiling and require it in their children as the appropriate way to present yourself to the world," she said.

Half the respondents said they thought politicians smile too frequently. The majority of people, about 46 percent, said they smiled five to 20 times at home each day. People reported less smiling in the workplace, and men smiled less than women, according to the survey.

"Women tend to have more social jobs that require more smiling," LaFrance said.

## University of West Virginia rated No. 1 party school

By College Press Service

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Debauchery reigns at West Virginia University.

Well, that's according to an annual student survey by the Princeton Review, which recently gave WVU the nod as the No. 1 party school in the nation.

The distinction—which often endears students but dismays faculty—is based on the popularity of alcohol, drugs, the Greek

system and, last but not least, studying on campus.

"School isn't taken very seriously here," an anonymous WVU junior told the Princeton Review. The test-preparation company based their rankings on a survey of 56,000 college students.

"Drinking is a way of life," another reported.

WVU, nestled in the Appalachian hills, knocked out last year's party school, Florida

State University, from the top spot. Behind WVU were University of Wisconsin at Madison, State University of New York-Albany, University of Colorado at Boulder and Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. Rounding out the top 10 list were Florida State, Emory University, the University of Kansas, the University of Vermont, and Louisiana State University.

As part of its annual survey, the Princeton Review ranked col-

leges in 61 other categories as well.

The vote for No.1 "Stone Cold Sober School" went to California Institute of Technology, where campus life is described as "Sleep, study, socialize: Pick two," according to the Princeton Review.

Other categories included:

- Best food: Deep Springs College in California.
- Future Rotarians: U.S. Naval Academy.

- Dorms like palaces: Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

- Worst dorms: Tuskegee University.

- Happy students: Washington and Lee University.

- Students never stop studying: Princeton University.

- Student almost never study: University of Missouri at Columbia.

- Jock school: Wabash College.

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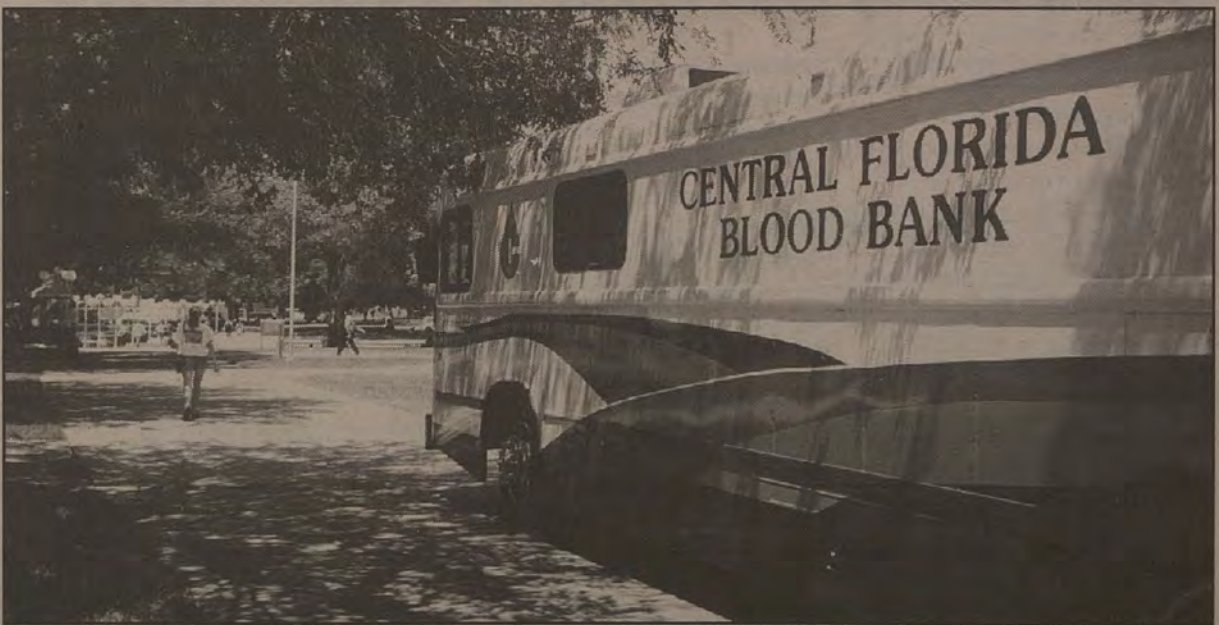
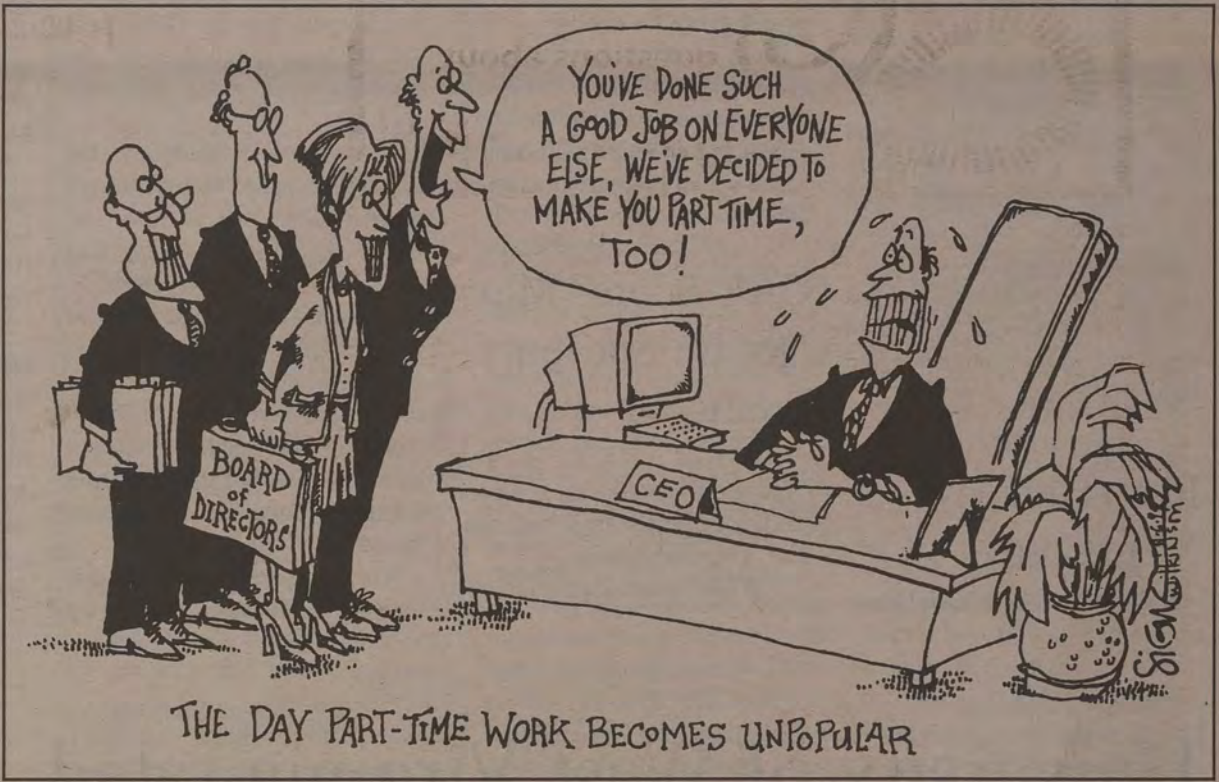


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# Knights look for breakthrough win at South Carolina

By **TONY MEJIA**  
Staff Writer

Last season ushered in a new era for UCF football. Entering their first season as a Division I-A member, the Knights traveled to Columbia, SC for their first test against a fellow I-A foe. They were greeted rudely.

South Carolina took care of the pesky Golden Knights rather easily last season. The Gamecocks responded with 23 unanswered points following an Eddie Mack touchdown reception that gave UCF a 7-0 on the opening drive.

The Gamecocks prevailed 33-14, despite mustering only a field goal in the second half. It was a learning experience for UCF, and a solid first test for a Gamecock team that finished the year with a somewhat disappointing 6-5 record.

As the '97 season opens, the Gamecocks have a first hand

opportunity to witness just how far the Knights have come.

One thing is for certain; UCF has proven it belongs after the near-upset of Ole Miss. The team showed the attitude of a hungry team no longer scared or intimidated. That's a scary thought for teams matched against the underdog Knights.

"Central Florida has already come a long way in their development. They played us tough last year, and will be tougher this year. Our players will not look past them," said South Carolina coach Brad Scott.

With last year's top offensive weapon Duce Staley currently lining up in the Philadelphia Eagle backfield, the Gamecocks will be forced to find a new go-to guy, and possibly a new offensive philosophy.

Quarterback Anthony Wright returns for his junior season, and becomes the primary triggerman

in the lineup. In a secondary role last season, Wright tossed for 1,850 yards, and should improve on that total behind an offensive line which returns four of the five starters. He should also benefit from a more than capable target in junior wideout Zola Davis, who struggled last year following a redshirt freshman campaign in which he caught nine touchdowns. Davis was touted as the top receiving prospect out of high school in 1994.

Vying to replace Staley will be three tailbacks with contrasting styles. Senior Scott Moritz is the veteran of the trio, a straight ahead runner who will probably be the goal line carrier. Sophomores Troy Hambrick and Boo Williams are receiving the most attention.

Hambrick is a powerful, break-away type in the mold of Staley, while Williams specializes in

weaving through holes and improvising on the run. The Knights did an acceptable job against the Ole Miss backfield, but that was without top tailback John Avery.

Stopping USC's running game will be a much tougher as all three players fight to distinguish themselves as the featured tailback.

"Duce was such a big part of our offense last year, so it's going to be key to find someone to replace him. Luckily, we do have capable candidates who might step up to match his production," Scott said.

Defensively, the Gamecocks return eight starters, including standout outside linebacker Darren Hambrick. As the focus of the USC defensive scheme, Hambrick and the Gamecocks are at their best when he uses his quickness to create havoc in opposing backfields. Few in the

SEC are quicker to the ball than Hambrick, which could present a problem for UCF's young offensive linemen.


The Knights are no longer the easy mark they may have been their rookie season in I-A. The experience gained last season should make USC appear menacing.

The 80,000 hostile fans that await the Golden Knights don't seem to matter as much.

After making their initial splash, nobody looks past UCF anymore. Their performance against Ole Miss has assured that.

Now, the program needs a victory that will vault them into prominence. The major upset is inevitable. Brad Scott knows that.

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# Golden Knights fall short in heartbreaking defeat at Oxford

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the passing game struggled all night. There were big plays, such as Culpepper throwing his third touchdown to wide receiver Charles Lee in overtime, but too many passes failed to hit their mark.

McDowell said Culpepper, who finished 17 of 42 for 196 yards and interception, was not the only one to blame for the bad

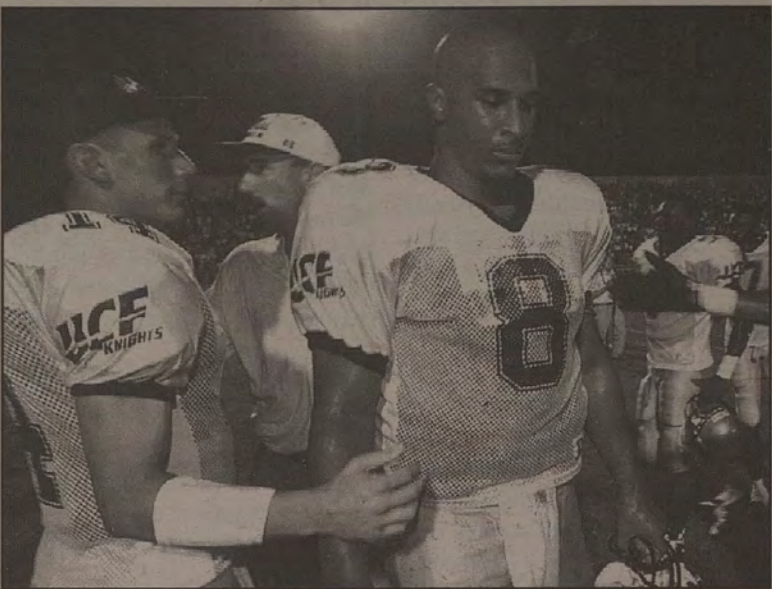
numbers.

"We weren't efficient. They weren't efficient," McDowell said. "That's part of the game. We dropped two or three balls. Daunte Culpepper didn't have a hot hand. Our receivers didn't have a hot hand. I don't think we ran good routes."

After an emotional loss, the Knights have to recover quickly with a trip to improving South Carolina coming this weekend.

McDowell said UCF did good and bad against the Rebels and the team must play better against the Gamecocks.

"I'm not saying we are not happy," McDowell said. "You have opportunities in football to respond and be big. No one is happy about the loss. You can be upset, so what. You have to line up and play again next week in South Carolina."



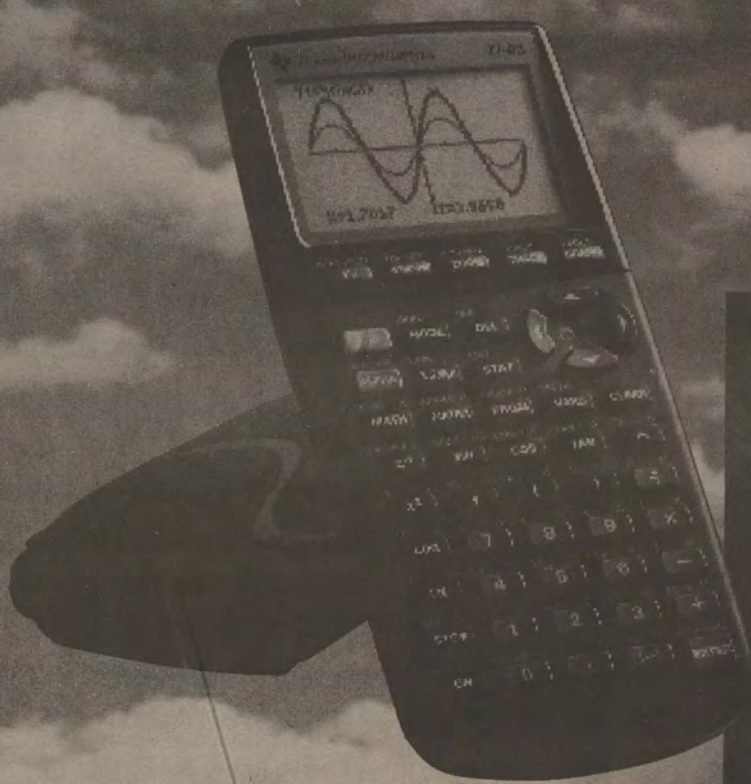
A distraught Daunte Culpepper (8) leaves the field Saturday night along with backup quarterback Jason Thorpe.

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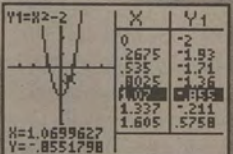
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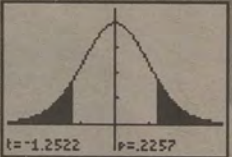
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# Mississippi Game Notes

## No thanks, again

UCF received the first and second half kickoffs, but did little with them.

By winning the coin toss and deferring to the second half, the Knights gave Mississippi the first-half choice of whether to kickoff or receive. The Rebels decided to play defense and UCF elected to receive to start the third quarter.

How did they use the advantage? The Knights went three-and-out on both series. The two drives combined lost nine yards.

## Injuries and such

The biggest scare came when Culpepper (bruised rib) took a shot in the third quarter while trying to complete a pass on third down. He went down on his hands and knees immediately afterward but walked off under his own power.

Linebacker Mike Palmer (leg cramps) and wide receiver Todd Cleveland (right leg) both limped off the field in the second half but returned in the fourth quarter.

Mississippi's standout running back John Avery (dislocated elbow) was injured early in the first period and did not return. He finished with three yards on two carries.

## The Good

\* Run defense-UCF held the Rebels to 67 yards on 38 attempts, including 11 tackles for loss.

\* Special teams-Punter Marek Butcher averaged 43.6 yards on eight punts, including a clutch 51-yard punt with 1:12 remaining and the Knights on their own 27. The punt coverage unit allowed just 26 return yards and junior Jeff Fye recovered a Mississippi fumble which led to a game-tying, fourth quarter touchdown.

\* Defensive ends Jermaine Benoit and Mike Osuna- Benoit had a team-leading 12 tackles (seven solo), two for loss and a sack. Osuna had back to back a tackle for loss and sack which disrupted a long Rebel drive in the first period. He finished with five tackles, one for loss, and a team-high one and a half sacks.

\*Wide receiver Charles Lee and tight end Joey Hubbard catching their first career touchdowns in the clutch.

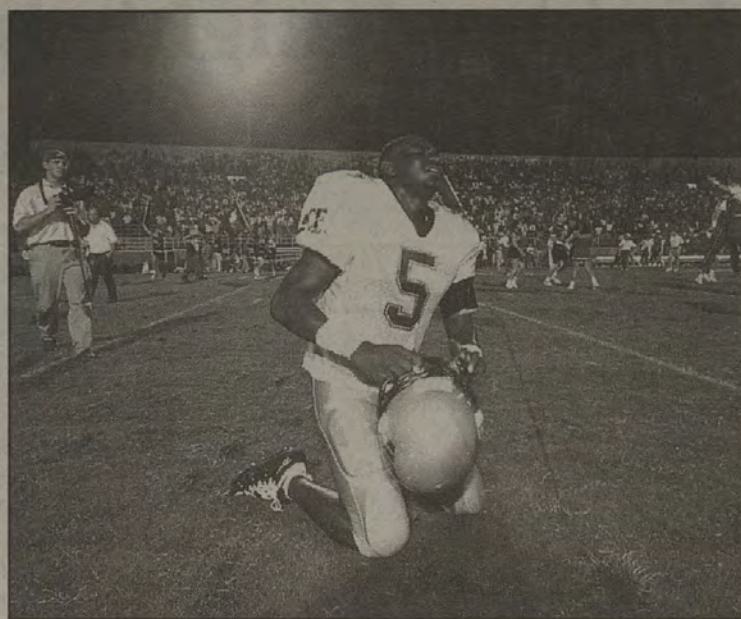
## The Bad

\* Linebacker Emory Green had two penalties aiding Mississippi's first touchdown drive. The more critical of the two came when Green chased the opposing running back out of bounds and slung him to the ground, giving the Rebels first-and-goal from the eight. Mississippi scored on the next play.

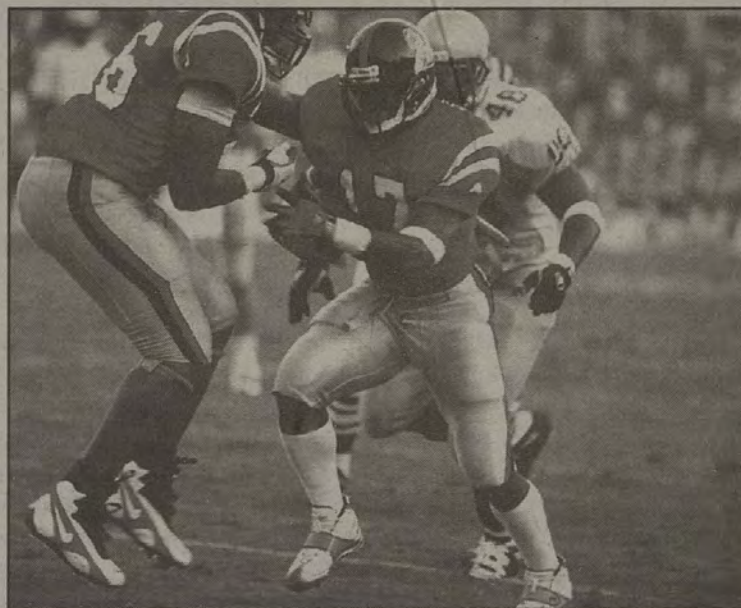
\* Pass defense-The run defense forced the Rebels to throw, and did they ever. Mississippi quarterback Stewart Partridge finished 24 of 37 for 303 yards and a touchdown. Partridge was sacked three times, but he had the time to wait for receivers to get open most of the day.

\* Pass offense-Culpepper finished 17 of 42 for 196 yards passing, but there were several drops by the receivers and Rebel blitzes forced more incompletions. The one ill-advised pass came when Culpepper collided with a blitzing linebacker and still tried to throw the ball. The resulting intercepted pass led to a Mississippi field goal.

—Derek Gonsoulin



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UCF receiver Kenny Clark (above) falls to his knees just seconds after the game ends.



Ole Miss running back Alishma Alexander stepped up for the injured John Avery by scoring two touchdowns.



Running back Mike Grant (above) led the UCF rushing attack with 41 yards on 12 carries. Rebel quarterback Stewart Partridge (below) kept Mississippi from succumbing to the Knights' upset bid.



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# Golden Knights host Auburn in opener

A CFF Staff Report

A season-opening home game against Auburn and visits to Florida, Marquette and South Florida before the New Year highlights the University of Central Florida's 1997-98 men's basketball schedule that was released on Wednesday by head coach Kirk Speraw.

The season-opener against the Tigers on November 14 promises to be an exciting part of homecoming weekend at UCF. The Golden Knights football team will also host Eastern Michigan at 4:00 pm the following day (November 15) at the Citrus Bowl.

Other non-conference home games include: McNeese State (November 20), Toledo (November 29), Nova Southeastern (December 13) and St. Thomas (December 18).

UCF's non-conference road schedule consists of trips to Florida (November 18), Winthrop (December 3) and Marquette (December 23). The Golden Knights will also take on Bethune-Cookman at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center (November 25) and South Florida at the Tampa Bay Ice Palace (December 30).

Once again we have a competitive schedule, E said Speraw. We have two SEC teams and two Conference USA teams on the schedule, as well as our normal TAAC slate. We're also excited to

participate in homecoming activities this year with our home opener against Auburn.

The Golden Knights, who have pre-season exhibitions scheduled against St. Pete AAU (November 5) and Lithuania Select (November 10), begin TAAC play the first weekend of January with a pair of road games at Mercer (January 3) and Georgia State (January 5). UCF then returns for a three-game homestand against TAAC newcomer Troy State (January 10), Centenary (January 12) and Samford (January 15). Defending TAAC champion College of Charleston, who ended last season with a national ranking after taking eventual national champion Arizona to the wire in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, visits the UCF Arena on January 22. The Golden Knights will close out their regular season in Charleston on February 21 and look to return to the John Kresse Arena a week later for the first round of the TAAC Tournament.

UCF, winners of the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament and NCAA Tournament participants in two of the last four seasons, is coming off a disappointing 7-19 campaign. Four starters return to the lineup that will also be improved by newcomers such as senior guard Mark Jones (Minnesota transfer) and junior center Bucky Hodge (Georgia Tech transfer).

## UCF 1997-98 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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Mon	Nov. 10	Lithuania Select #	UCF Arena	7:30 pm
Fri	Nov. 14	Auburn	UCF Arena	7:30 pm
Tues	Nov. 18	at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	7:00 pm
Thurs	Nov. 20	McNeese State	UCF Arena	7:30 pm
Tues	Nov. 25	vs. Bethune-Cookman ^	Daytona Beach	8:00 pm
Sat	Nov. 29	Toledo	UCF Arena	8:00 pm
Wed	Dec. 3	at Winthrop	Rock Hill, S.C.	7:00 pm
Sat	Dec. 13	Nova Southeastern	UCF Arena	7:30 pm
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Tues	Dec. 30	vs. South Florida %	Tampa, Fla.	8:00 pm
Sat	Jan. 3	at Mercer *	Macon, Ga.	7:00 pm
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Mon	Jan. 12	Centenary *	UCF Arena	7:30 pm
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Sat	Jan. 17	at Jacksonville State *	Jacksonville, AL	8:00 pm
Thurs	Jan. 22	College of Charleston *	UCF Arena	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan. 24	Campbell *	UCF Arena	7:30 pm
Thurs	Jan. 29	at Florida Atlantic *	Boca Raton, Fla.	7:30 pm
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# Hungry Knights' volleyball feast on Bulls and Eagles

By **JEFF CASE**  
Staff Writer

After five consecutive TAAC championships and three straight NCAA tournament appearances, the UCF women's volleyball team wanted some competition.

Good competition. "In the past five years, we just haven't beaten enough good teams," said UCF coach Laura Smith. "We've beaten teams like Clemson, Georgia and Kentucky, but we really haven't beaten enough good teams lately to warrant the kind of respect we deserve."

"I want this team to be challenged [this season]," Smith said.

UCF conquered its first challenge of the season on Friday, upsetting No. 22 USF in the UCF Volleyball Classic. The Knights, 2-0, also defeated Eastern Michigan 3-0 on Saturday.

Smith said she would rather play a lesser opponent than open against ranked USF to open the season.

"At the same time I'm kind of glad [we played them] because I want this team to be challenged, and what a better way to do that then to start the first match of the year with this kind of competition," Smith said.

UCF defeated USF, 3-2, taking the first two games 15-6, 15-8 and the fifth game 20-18.

In the final game, the Bulls trailed or tied the Knights eight times. With the score tied at 11 and pressure mounting, Smith called an early time-out to give some final advice.

"I took the time-out earlier than I normally would, but with rally scoring, you've got to, because the game just goes so quick," Smith said. "What I said was that we have to call upon everything we've done for pre-season. The spirit, the magic and everything."

"It can't just be physical [performance], it has to be mental [performance], it has to be spiritual [performance], it has to be a [team] bonding experience ... and they bought it."

Tyra Harper, who finished with USF game highs in digs

(20), kills (29), and blocks assisted (7), said the victory was good, but a win in Tampa would be even better.

"This was a great win for us, and it's always a team goal to beat USF," said senior Tyra Harper. "But we always split the [season] series with them and have a hard time winning there [at USF]." Harper said.

In Saturday action, UCF spiked the EMU Eagles 15-4, 15-7 and 15-6.

As a team, UCF doubled EMU's production in kills (56) and sets (46), while also producing 46 digs and 12 assisted blocks.

Defending TAAC player-of-the-year Renata Menchikova and Harper paced the Knights with 19 kills. Stephanie Noiseux posted a game-high in digs (10) and percentage (.909), while also leading the team in service aces (2).

The Knights travel to Nacogdoches, Tex., to compete in the Ladyjack Invitational Tournament. UCF will open against the Arizona State Sun Devils on Sept. 5.

# Blue Devils wash out women's soccer

By **KEN JACKSON**  
Staff Writer

It rained down hard on the UCF women's soccer team Monday. The weather was bad, too.

The Golden Knights finished the UCF Women's Soccer Classic 0-2 after losing 4-0 to Duke in a constant drizzle.

The Blue Devils (2-0), ranked 12th nationally by Soccer America, scored on their first two shots. The Golden Knights didn't record a shot until the 39th minute of the first half and managed just four shots. Even when the rain subsided in the second half, UCF failed get a single shot on goal.

Knight coach Karen Richter gave the Dukes' depth and defense credit.

"We did pretty well considering our youth," Richter said. "We were disappointed with our play in the first and last five minutes. They knew how to expose our breakdowns."

Duke took a quick 2-0 lead five minutes into the game on goals by Mariana Muiruri and Emily Feeney, beating backup goalie Maria Banuls. The freshman was named starter because of a left thigh contusion suf-

fered by goalkeeper Lays O'Brien Saturday versus Georgia.

"Maria made some great saves. It could have been a blowout," Richter said of Banuls first collegiate appearance. "It wasn't really a blowout; that last goal came real late."

Banuls was disappointed with the loss but felt she held her own against the Blue Devils.

"I made the saves I had to make," Banuls said. "It's crazy to think your first start would come against someone like Duke. I didn't expect to play much this year."

Duke head coach Bill Hempen was impressed with the freshman's performance.

"Their keeper...where did she come from?" Hempen said. "She made some really great saves."

The scoring barrage and driving rain eased at the end of the first half. Duke added two more goals near the match's close as the rain picked up again. Feeney finished the game by scoring her fifth goal of the tournament, which combined with three assists gave her 13 points on the weekend.

"Today we had a chance to

organize our defense, that was one good thing about the pressure they put on us," Richter said. "Our goal is to be where they are at the end of the year."

"There's a lot of positives that come from playing two (regionally) ranked teams," she said. "This is one of the best tournaments in the Southeast."

Florida International, UCF's next opponent, also competed in the tournament. They lost to Duke 6-0 Saturday and played Georgia Monday. UCF will host the Panthers (0-2) this Friday at 4 p.m. at the UCF Arena Soccer Field.

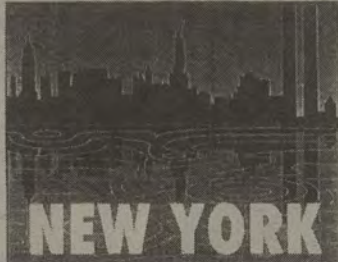
"This week we're going to focus on improving our attack," Richter said. "When we did get forward (against Duke) we weren't too organized."

The Knights look to head into Friday's game with a healthy squad. Richter said O'Brien and Alice Uhlir, a midfielder who sat out Monday with a sore left ankle, will return to their starting positions.

Center midfielder Danya Harris, the team's top returnee from last year, left the game Monday with a sore knee, but will also start on Friday.

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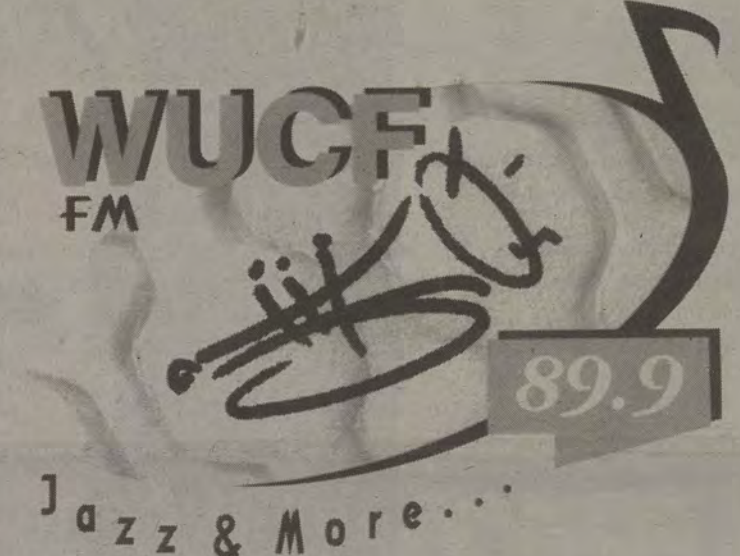
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## At a glance UCF vs. South Carolina

• **What:** Saturday, Sept. 6 – Central Florida at South Carolina, 7 p.m.

• **Where:** Williams-Brice Stadium, Columbia, S.C.

• **Stadium Capacity:** 80,250

• **Head Coaches:**

South Carolina – Brad Scott, 17-16-1 in four years with the Gamecocks

Central Florida – Gene McDowell, 5-7 in second year at Division I with Knights

• **Series:** USC, 1-0. In their opener last season, the Gamecocks defeated UCF, 33-14.

• **Last time out:** First game of the year for USC. The Knights lost at Ole Miss, 24-23 in OT.

• **Radio:** WINZ 740 AM

• **Television:** Sunshine Network

• **Notes:** USC – With East Carolina and Clemson as their other non-conference games, the Gamecocks cannot afford a loss to UCF if it wants to make it to a bowl game ... Leading the offense is junior quarterback Anthony

Wright (1,850 yards, eight touchdowns passing in 1996). Wright should have time to throw behind a veteran offensive line led by senior center Paul Beckwith (6-foot-3, 275 pounds) ... USC must find a replacement for the SEC's 1996 leading rusher, Duce Staley ... The defense is anchored by senior defensive tackles Henry Taylor (6-foot-1, 290 pounds) and Michael Maddox (6-foot-4, 280-pounds).

UCF-Tough test for Knights after emotionally draining overtime at Ole Miss ... Erratic passing game (17 for 42 last week) needs to get timing down on deep routes with receivers Siaha Burley and Todd Cleveland ... Mike Grant (12 carries, 41 yards) found few holes against the Rebels, but made big runs when he did ... Run defense held Ole Miss to 67 yards, but allowed 303 yards in the air. UCF will need a stronger pass rush from the defensive tackles to keep USC's Wright from scrambling and making plays.

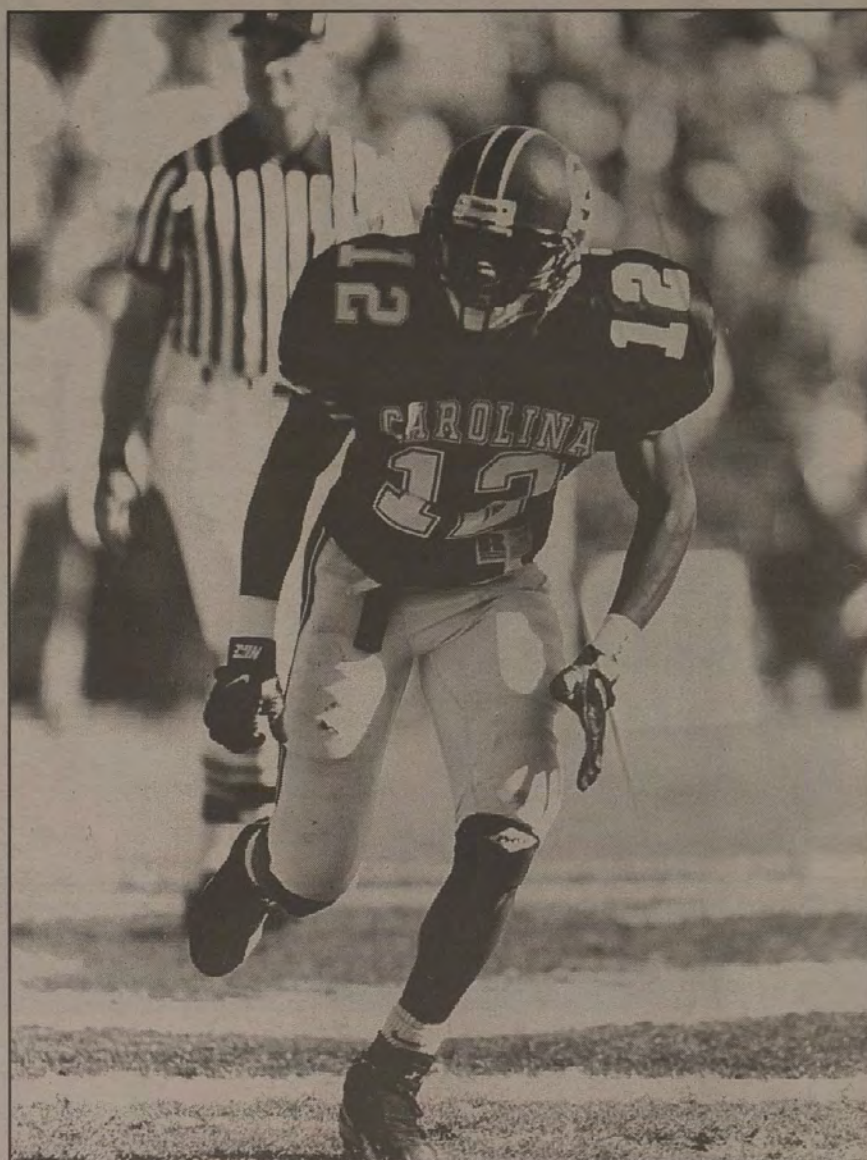


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Gamecock safety Arturo Freeman and the USC secondary will be tested by UCF quarterback Daunte Culpepper for the second straight year.

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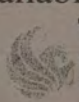
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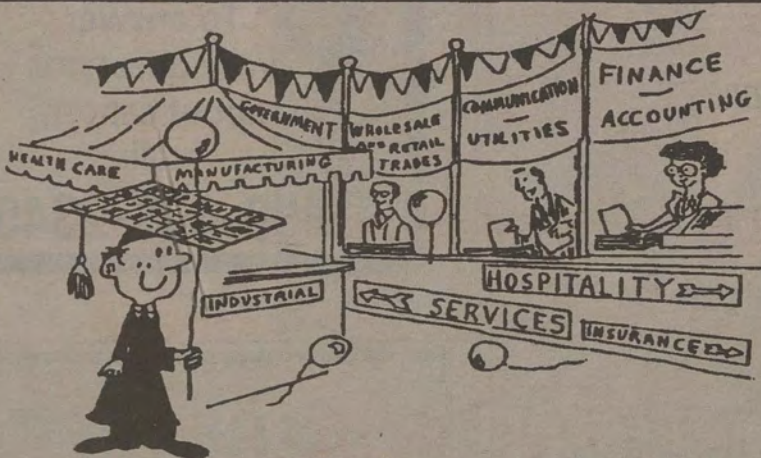
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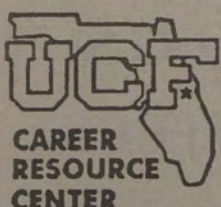
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# Sports

## Men's soccer wins two

By **JEFF CASE**  
Staff Writer

To UCF men's soccer coach Bob Winch, early victories can be the start of a successful season.

"You want to get off on a good start, especially this year. Usually we play four games before our first conference game, but this year we only have two before our first game with Jacksonville [University]."

UCF (2-0) attained their goal, defeating Long Island University 3-0 and Winthrop University 4-3 in the UCF Soccer Classic.

Statistically, UCF outplayed LIU on both sides of the ball. The Knights had 15 corner kicks to the Blackbird's three and outshot, LIU 23-6.

Heikki Ritvanen, the nation's leading scorer in 1996, scored the game winning goal while goalkeeper Antti Laitinen recorded his first-ever shutout, saving all 5 shots he faced.

Laitinen, a freshman, played in place of last year's starter, Tuomas Tuomilehto. Tuomilehto (1.12 GAA), who has a fractured foot, will have X-rays this week and may return against Jacksonville on Sept. 9.

LIU coach Arnold Ramirez, Jr., said his team's lack of fitness and UCF's teamwork explained the loss.

"It was difficult for us to guard them because we are not in top physical condition," said Ramirez. "These guys [like Ritvanen, Rami Vehmas, and Ari Nurmi] I'm sure, in Finland, played together all summer and when they came here, they came fit."

It was a tale of two halves in UCF's next game, Winthrop.

UCF again outplayed their opponent, scoring four goals in the first half. The first goal of the half was an unassisted score by Arno Nurmisto in the second minute.

In the 6th minute, Jason Kirk assisted Niko Martinen on the second strike of the game. The third and fourth goals were both scored by Ritvanen at the 16th and 24th minute, respectively.

Winthrop's only first half score came from Ricardo Golzi off a Scott Millar assist in the 7th minute of the first half.

But the Eagles turned it around in the second half. Winthrop managed only five second half shots, but two found the back of the net.

Will Hays unassisted goal in the 49th minute cut the score to 4-2. Darryl Gomez's score off a Millar assist in the 66th minute closed the gap to 4-3.

Despite the flurry, the Eagles unable to tie and the Knights eeked out a victory.

Ritvanen said he couldn't explain UCF's second half performance.

"I don't know what happened in the second half, but we have to work on that," said Ritvanen. "We played really bad, I can't explain it. We have to talk with the [rest of the team] about it and figure out what it might be."

"The goals they scored were good shots and we lost too many balls to stupid plays," Ritvanen said.

Winch said the changes he made at halftime may have caused the Winthrop comeback, but he definitely felt UCF played like two different teams.

"We made a couple changes at halftime, and it's hard for guys to step right in and pick up the tempo of the game," Winch said. "Plus, they hit two very good shots that went in and when you hit two good shots like that, it's very hard to defend it. But I'm not worried about it," said Winch.

UCF opens conference play on Sept. 9 against TAAC newcomer Jacksonville University. Game time is 4 p.m. at Brest Field on the JU campus.

## Knights fall a yard short to Rebels

By **DEREK GONSOULIN**  
Sports Editor

OXFORD, Miss. — Gene McDowell had no regrets for letting his best player decide his team's fate.

Daunte Culpepper was tripped up crossing the line of scrimmage on the fateful two point conversion attempt in the heartbreaking, 24-23 overtime loss at Mississippi. The right call and the right player to run it, Culpepper should have scored McDowell said.

"It's not a roll of the dice," McDowell said. "That play scores. All he has to do is run into the end zone. I think he could have run it in. I think he reached for it and got [the ball] knocked out of his hands."

Showing the traits of a leader, Culpepper was much more critical of himself than his coach.

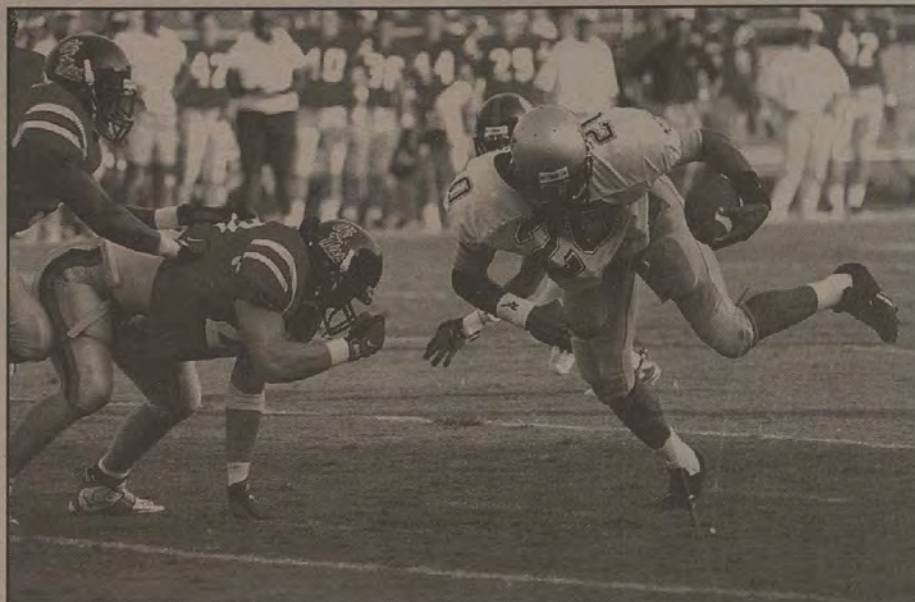
"It comes down to getting it done," Culpepper said. "I was confident that I was going to make the play," Culpepper said. "I was free. I should have been in the end zone."

McDowell said the Knights wanted more than nearly defeating the Rebels in overtime. In addition, he said if UCF had to go on offense first in overtime, he still would have gone for the conversion anyway.

"There is no such thing as moral victory and I never have any second thoughts," he said. "I don't like overtime, that's why I went for two. If we'd have gotten the ball first and knew they would score touchdown, I would have gone for two then."

The game itself was in contention from start to finish as both teams held the biggest lead of seven points. McDowell said the reason for the close game was poor execution by both teams on offense.

UCF stuffed the Mississippi rushing attack (38 attempts for 67 yards), which came mostly after standout Rebel running back John Avery left the game



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Todd Cleveland (above) stumbles to gain extra yardage. Daunte Culpepper (below) sets his offense in hope for a big play.



with a dislocated elbow in the first quarter.

The passing game for Mississippi more than made up for the lack of a ground game. Rebel quarterback Stewart Patridge threw for over 300 yards, mostly coming on one-on-one coverage in the Knights' secondary. Defensive end Jermaine Benoit, who

led the team with 12 tackles, said he was not surprised by Patridge's big day.

"He played like a quarterback supposed to play," Benoit said. "He took his team and put them on his shoulders and they did what they needed to win the game."

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## UCF women's soccer faces familiar foe

By **KEN JACKSON**  
Staff Writer

In the UCF women's soccer team's season opener, student faced off against mentor.

Unfortunately for the Golden Knights the mentor was victorious.

The University of Georgia (1-0-0), led by former UCF coach Bill Barker, defeated the Knights, 2-1, to open the UCF Soccer Classic on Saturday. Bulldog forward Allison Thornbury scored the winning goal from 15 yards out in the 115th minute.

Barker was the Knights' coach from 1988-1992. UCF coach Karen Richter played under Barker from 1988-1990 and served as his assistant before taking over in 1993.

Following the game the two coaches hugged and exchanged pleasantries. Despite the outcome it was a happy reunion.

"Karen has a program here that will take care of her," Barker said. "I just wished they would get her a nicer

playing surface, some lights and a scoreboard.

"This was a typical opening season game. Both teams abandoned their style. She has new people, we've got new people. Karen has history and a team that will fight," he said.

"Bill is still a friend and someone I call on for advice," Richter said, downplaying the former player/coach rivalry.

The season got off to a quick start for UCF. Freshman forward Wendee Hoffmann took a pass from Wendy Wiltsey and scored on the team's first shot 3:58 into the game.

The score remained 1-0 in the second half when the ball bounced the wrong way for UCF.

A shot from UGA's Bentley Bickerstaff deflected off a player and the right post into the net.

The team played a scoreless 15 minutes of overtime. In the second extra period Thornbury beat goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien to seal the victory.

"Karen's team did a good job of capitalizing on our mistakes," Barker said.

"At halftime I told them they could continue to play like they were in the first half or get into our system ... that they had to step up and get into the game."

"I knew after the second half that this would be a dogfight with the winner being who out-scraped who," he said.

Richter found out it is not a good idea to get into a dogfight with a team of bulldogs.

"We had freshmen in the starting lineup, so we are definitely rebuilding," said Richter, who is trying to lead the team to a fifth consecutive TAAC title. "I am pleased with the group that went out there."

Another member of UCF's squad was part of the reunion. Junior midfielder Danya Harris played at UGA her freshman year. A local product from Lyman High School, Harris transferred to be closer to home.

"It wasn't much of a big deal, because there is only one or two people left from when I was there," Harris said.

"The outcome made it lose its luster."